

森林木质藤本数量过度增加的机制与生态效应¹

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摘要:木质藤本是森林物种多样性维持的组成部分, 然而近年来热带、亚热带森林, 尤其是次生林内木质藤本数量的过度增加给森林的恢复和健康发展造成威胁, 这一现象却未得到太多关注。至今国内尚未有研究对森林木质藤本过多的现象、增加机制与生态效应进行综合认识。该文梳理国内外相关文献, 从木质藤本数量增加的机制与生态效应进行分析和总结, 以期对森林管理和恢复等方面的宏观决策提供科学依据。综合相关研究认为: (1) 木质藤本数量的增加与气象干旱、大气 CO₂ 浓度上升、自然干扰和森林破碎化有关。在环境变化的情况下, 木质藤本在形态、行为、生理等方面比树木更具优势, 表现为更快的生长速率、更强的繁殖力、可塑性和高效的资源获取力。(2) 木质藤本主要是通过遮荫胁迫、资源竞争和机械压力与损伤等方式对树木造成影响。(3) 木质藤本过度增加在个体水平上会阻碍树木生长、生殖并引起树木死亡, 在群落水平上会改变物种组成、降低多样性, 在生态系统水平上会降低森林碳储量、改变碳、矿质养分和水分循环过程等。综合以上研究建议结合野外长期监测与控制实验开展木质藤本种群动态变化与环境变化关系、森林干扰对木质藤本生长的影响、木质藤本对环境变化的响应及适应机理、木质藤本数量过度增加的生态效应评价研究。同时, 应积极探索合理的森林木质藤本管控方法。

关键词: 干扰, 全球变化, 森林健康, 森林管理, 官山自然保护区

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Mechanisms and ecological consequences of the over-increase of lianas in forests

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Abstract: Lianas are one of the components in maintaining forest diversity. However, the over-increase of lianas in tropical and subtropical forests, especially in secondary forests is threatening the restoration and healthy development of forests. Few domestic researches have paid attention to the phenomenon and make a comprehensive evaluation on the mechanism of the over-increase of lianas and negative effects on forests. In this paper, we reviewed and summarized the related researches on mechanisms and ecological consequences of the over-increase of lianas both at home and abroad with the purpose of offering reference for forest management and forest ecological restoration. Based on the relevant studies we hold the opinions: (1) The increase of lianas can be correlated with drought severity, elevated atmospheric CO₂, increased natural disturbance (gaps) and forest fragments. Lianas possess the advantages of rapid growth, strong reproductive capacity and phenotypic plasticity, and high resource use efficiency under the altered environment. Thus, the favorable environment and inherent advantages can contribute to the increase of lianas. (2) Lianas compete with trees by means of shading stress, nutrient and water competition and mechanical loading, abrasion, and strangulation, which all may increase the mortality of trees. (3) Empirical evidence shows that the over-increase of lianas can negatively affect the tree growth recruitment, reproduction, and survival; at community level, lianas can alter tree community composition and decrease community diversity; at ecosystem level, lianas have the potential to ramify forest ecosystem function by decreasing carbon storage and altering carbon, nutrient, and water cycling. We recommend that future studies should be aimed at the correlations between population dynamic of liana species and environmental changes, the effect of forest disturbance on the growth of lianas, responses of lianas to the environmental changes and the adaption mechanisms, comprehensive evaluation on the ecological consequences of the increase of lianas by means of long-term dynamic monitoring plots and controlling experiments. It is also essential to find appropriate management and control strategies of the over-increase of lianas. We suggest that paying more attentions to the increase of lianas and the potential negative effects in secondary forest.

Key words: disturbance, global change, forest health, forest management, Guanshan Nature Reserve

木质藤本 (lianas) 是不能单独直立、通过主茎或借助攀援器官进行生长的植物类群, 与树木相比具有较大的长度和胸径比 (Schnitzer & Bongers, 2002)。木质藤本是森林群落的常见组分, 对群落结构和功能的维持具有一定的作用 (Schnitzer & Bongers, 2002)。然而, 当森林受到严重干扰时, 木质藤本数量的过度增加给森林健康造成威胁, 树木生长受抑制、群落结构单一化、物种多样性下降, 严重影响森林生态系统功能 (Schnitzer & Bongers, 2011)。这一问题已引起了国外学者的普遍关注。

国外学者较早关注到木质藤本数量的增加及其负面影响, 在木质藤本的分布格局 (Schnitzer, 2005)、种群数量动态变化 (Addo-Fordjour et al., 2021)、监测方法 (van der Heijden et al., 2022)、藤与树的关系 (Leonor et al., 2015)、木质藤本增加的机制及生态影响 (Schnitzer & Bongers, 2011; de Azevedo Amorim et al., 2018; Marshall et al., 2020; Reis et al., 2020; Meunier et al., 2021a) 等方面做了较多的研究。谈及木质藤本, 国人多关注森林木质藤本的多样性 (Hu et al., 2010; 王业社等, 2014)、经济价值 (季梦成等, 2008) 和生态功能 (张朝阳等, 2007) 等积极作用。由于野外辨识和调查的困难, 在很多调查与研究中甚至忽略这一类特殊生活型植物。实际上, 木质藤本数量过度增加的现象在我国南方很多森林, 尤其是在次生林内也较为普遍。例如, 在一些自然保护区次生林内, 木质藤本甚至形成地毯式覆盖,

严重阻碍了森林恢复，使保护区实行的封山育林政策变成了“封山育藤”（图 1）。

目前国内关于木质藤本对森林影响的研究还较少，关列（1980）较早摘译报导了人工林受藤本植物的危害及其防治，但当时并未得到较大响应；陈亚军等（2007）综述了木质藤本在热带森林的生态学功能；也有学者对某种木质藤本的影响进行过具体的评述（王伯荪等，2009）。随后诸多学者陆续在木质藤本对森林物种多样性、群落结构及更新的影响（郝建辉等，2011；王忠伟等，2020）、木质藤本与树木的关系（陆芳等，2021）、藤树性状比较（Chen et al., 2021）等方面进行了研究。然而，至今国内尚未有研究对森林木质藤本过多的现象、增加机制与生态效应进行综合认识。

因此，为引起国人对森林木质藤本过度增加现象及其影响的关注，本文综合国内外研究进展，重点分析木质藤本过度增加机制，详细阐述木质藤本增加的潜在生态效应，并提出新的研究方向，以期对木质藤本过度增加的防控及森林管理政策的制定提供参考。



图 1 江西官山国家级自然保护区钩藤 *Uncaria. rhynchophylla* 对树木形成地毯式覆盖（图自宋述灵，2019）

Fig.1 Liana *Uncaria. rhynchophylla* blanketing trees in Guanshan National Nature Reserve, Jiangxi province. (Photos from Song Shuling, 2019)

1 木质藤本数量过度增加

虽然木质藤具有森林物种多样性维持（Schnitzer & Bongers, 2002）、经济、药用和生态功能（张朝阳等，2007；刘扬等，2021）。并且，作为层间植物，木质藤本又是很多动物的生境和通道，同时也是重要的食物来源（Adams et al., 2016, 2019; Odell et al., 2019）。然而，当木质藤本和树木比例超出临界阈值，木质藤本在森林中的积极作用将转变为负面作用，尤其在次生林或破碎化森林中，木质藤本数量的过度增加将阻碍森林演替与更新（Marshall et al., 2020）。由于外界环境的变化导致木质藤本相对或绝对数量的增加，并给当地森林生态系统造成负面影响，本文称为木质藤本数量过度增加，简称为木质藤本增加。

木质藤本增加的表现形式主要为多度（密度）、断面积、生物量、丰度和侵扰树木的程度等的增加（Wright et al., 2004; Ingwell et al., 2010; Laurance et al., 2014; Wright et al., 2016）。Phillips 等（2002a）首次提出了森林木质藤本增加的现象，通过综合分析亚马逊 4 个区域的 47 个非破碎化热带雨林木质藤本的数量变化，发现 20 年间大型木质藤本（DBH ≥ 10 cm）相对断面积、相对多度和树木死亡风险显著增加。此后，众多研究都得出相似的结果。例如，在尼日利亚一个经历过火烧的低地热带雨林，2005~2014 年间攀爬植物的种数由 49 种增至 61 种，密度由 448~1 152 hm^2 增至 1 712~4 492 hm^2 （Uwalaka & Muoghalu, 2017）；温带森林木质藤本也有所增加，在 1967~2007 年间欧洲温带森林林下层木质藤本出现的频率增加了近 39%（Perring et al., 2020）。虽然也有研究有不同的发现（Smith et al., 2017; Bongers et al., 2020;

Umaña et al., 2020), 但多数研究认为木质藤本的数量呈递增趋势。在中国热带及亚热带区域的很多次生林内木质藤本也长势旺盛、分布广泛, 如热带森林的金钟藤(*Merremia boissiana* (Gagn.) v. Ooststr.) (王伯荪等, 2009)、亚热带森林的钩藤(*Uncaria rhynchophylla* (Oliv.) Rehd. et Wils.)、葛(*Pueraria lobata* (Willd.) Ohwi)等在林内形成大面积覆盖, 严重影响了当地森林的健康发展(野外观测, 图1)。

2 木质藤本过度增加的机制

诸多研究认为木质藤本在森林群落中优势度的增加与外界环境变化有关, 主要因素为全球气候变化、自然干扰(如林窗形成)和森林砍伐等人为干扰导致的森林破碎化、次生化(图3)。并且, 木质藤本能因环境变化做出调整 and 适应, 其生理、结构及行为等特征比树木更具优势。

2.1 气象干旱

研究表明木质藤本种群数量与大气降水量和蒸发量密切相关。木质藤本的多度、丰度和生物量均随大气降雨量和土壤湿度的增加而减少, 随干旱程度的加剧和干旱周期的延长而增加(Schnitzer, 2005; Swaine & Grace, 2007)。例如, 在巴拿马干旱森林内, 木质藤本密度和丰度的绝对、相对值均在高于湿润森林(Parolari et al., 2020)。

在干旱的条件下, 木质藤本比树木在生长和生理等方面更具优势。研究发现木质藤本在雨季的生长量比树木高出2倍, 而在旱季高达7倍(Schnitzer & van der Heijden, 2019), 木质藤本碳累积量在旱季要大于湿季(van der Heijden et al., 2019)。当降雨量减少时, 木质藤本幼苗的存活量也高于树木(Umaña et al., 2019)。此外, 在干旱的条件下, 木质藤本水分利用效率、导水效率和资源获取策略等都优于树木(Cai et al., 2009; Zhu & Cao, 2009; Medina-Vega et al., 2021a; Medina-Vega et al., 2021b)。例如, 热带湿润雨林树木在水力安全和导水效率之间具有权衡, 而木质藤本却没有, 较强的导水效率和抗栓塞能力表明木质藤本将比树木更加耐旱(van der Sande et al., 2019)。

在干旱的条件下, 木质藤本各构件还表现出较强的可塑性和适应性。在旱季, 木质藤本比树木具有更强的叶片渗透调节能力, 这使其在干旱加剧的环境下更具生长优势(Maréchaux et al., 2017); Smith-Martin 等(2019)发现在旱季进行灌溉使树木的胸径和生物量显著增加, 而木质藤本并未发生变化, 这表明在干旱条件下木质藤本具有更强的适应力。此外, 木质藤本具有发达的根系维管系统, 可进行营养物质的高效运输与分配。木质藤本根系长而错综复杂, 且具有较好的耐胁迫能力, 有些甚至能达10 m深(Restom & Nepstad, 2004), 可往四周或深处利用不同来源的水分, 有效减缓干旱胁迫(Chen et al., 2015)。因此, 在全球干旱加剧下, 木质藤本的形态、生理和行为特征的优势可导致其相对和绝对数量的增加。

2.2 大气 CO₂ 浓度增加

持续上升的大气 CO₂ 浓度是木质藤本增加的潜在因素。大气 CO₂ 浓度的增加有利于木质藤本的生长(Granados & Korner, 2002)。当 CO₂ 浓度增加时, 木质藤本 *Hedera helix* 新梢长度和生物量的增长量提高了近60%(Zotz et al., 2006)。CO₂ 增加控制实验也发现温带森林木质藤本 *Toxicodendron radicans* 的生长速率、光合作用、水分利用效率显著高于正常大气 CO₂ 条件下的状态(Mohan et al., 2006)。并且, 木质藤本对 CO₂ 增加的响应比树木更加迅速(Belote et al., 2004)。木质藤本具有较高的叶茎比和较低的叶片单位面积构建成本, 这使其对 CO₂ 吸收和固定比树木更具优势(Zhu & Cao, 2010)。

2.3 自然干扰

冰雪、火灾和树木死亡等自然(林窗)干扰易促使林内木质藤本的增加。通常, 林窗内木质藤本多度和丰度均显著高于非林窗地带(Schnitzer & Carson, 2001)。林窗地带土壤肥沃、光照增强和空余生态位增多, 为木质藤本生长提供了良好的环境。很多木质藤本在林窗内具

有生长快速和繁殖力强的特征，这使木质藤本在林窗内更具优势度。并且，由于减少了对自身支持结构的投资，木质藤本可将大部分营养资源用于茎的快速生长和叶的累积（Putz, 1984）。除通过种子萌发进行植株定居外，木质藤本在林窗内也可进行无性克隆繁殖，依靠地下茎、匍匐茎不断地萌发新枝向新地段蔓延扩散，促使植株数量的增加（Schnitzer et al., 2021）。此外，即便是寄主树木倒塌死亡，很多木质藤本能够通过萌发新枝重新攀爬到林冠层，因而木质藤本绝对或相对数量有所增加（Rocha et al., 2020）。

2.4 森林破碎化

森林砍伐、捕猎等人为干扰使森林破碎化、次生化，会导致林缘地带或次生林内木质藤本增加。森林破碎化后，森林环境变得干燥，土壤肥沃，光照增加，植株矮小，这些条件都有利于木质藤本的攀爬和快速生长。因此，在林缘处和次生林木质藤本的生长速率和植株数量更快、更多（Ladwig & Meiners, 2010; Roeder et al., 2019），并且，林缘地木质藤本的丰度和碳储量也高于林内（Londré & Schnitzer, 2006, Magnago et al., 2017; Campbell et al., 2018）。森林破碎化也为木质藤本克隆生长创造了条件，如在拉塞尔瓦择伐的热带雨林，木质藤本长距离克隆生殖对多度增加的贡献率达到 7.5%，断面积增量高达 60%（Yorke et al., 2013）。

3 木质藤本与树木的竞争方式

3.1 遮荫胁迫

木质藤本借助茎、枝、叶等器官攀爬到树木的树冠，大面积遮荫导致树木可获得光源减少，光合作用受阻，进而影响树木的生长和发育，严重时可致树木死亡（图 2A）。木质藤本在林冠层形成的覆盖会增加林分郁闭度，从而阻碍林下幼苗更新。在巴拿马热带雨林，木质藤本对树冠的严重覆盖使树木死亡率增加了 1 倍（Ingwell et al., 2010）；木质藤本使林窗内树木更新量下降 46%（Schnitzer & Carson, 2010）。木质藤本叶的物候期更长，很多种甚至全年常绿（Putz & Windsor, 1987），常年的遮荫易使林下幼苗得不到充足的光照而死亡。

3.2 资源竞争

资源的争夺也是木质藤本与树木的竞争方式，二者对光照、水分和养分等资源存在激烈的竞争（Meunier et al., 2021b）。在清除木质藤本后，树木的树干液流速率增加了 60%（Leonor et al., 2015）。在矿质养分与水分竞争中，藤与树的竞争甚至比树与树的竞争更加强烈。研究发现树木的树干液流速率在清除藤本后约增加了 8%，但对树木的清除并未做出响应（Tobin et al., 2012）。此外，木质藤本具有更高的资源吸收、运输和利用效率，对资源的争夺更具竞争力，木质藤本叶单位质量碳同化速率、光能吸收和利用效果均高于树木（Cai et al., 2009; Asner & Martin, 2012），木质藤本根系发达（Collins et al., 2016）。例如，当土壤养分增加时，木质藤本叶面积比和光合能力显著高于树木（Cai et al., 2008; Pasquini et al., 2015）。

3.3 机械压力与损伤

木质藤本攀爬会给树木带来机械压力与损伤（Vleut & Pérez-Salicrup, 2005）。木质藤本在树冠形成大面积覆盖，给树冠带来巨大的载重，使树梢或树枝极易折断，而新梢又不易萌生，最终使支柱木成为“断头”树或“高脚”树。缠绕型的木质藤本对树干的围绞可导致树干扭曲、凹陷，增加树木折断和病虫害风险、影响树木水分和营养物质运输，最终导致树木死亡（图 2B）。



A. 钩藤在杉木树冠上的覆盖度高达 90%; B. 木质藤本对树木茎干的缠绕导致树木死亡
 A. Liana *U. rhynchophylla* climbing up to the tree crowns of *Cunninghamia lanceolata* with a coverage reaching up to 90%; B. Liana causing tree death by twining tree stem.

图 2 木质藤本与树木的竞争方式
 Fig.2 Ways of lianas competing with trees

4 木质藤本过度增加的生态效应

4.1 阻碍树木生长发育

从个体水平看, 木质藤本增加会: (1) 阻碍树木的生长。研究表明木质藤本使树木的生长量降低 156%, 生物量累积量降低 209% (Finlayson et al., 2022); 宋述灵 (2019) 发现杉木被木质藤本攀爬后连年径向生长和胸断面积生长分别降低了 29% 和 40%; (2) 增加树木的死亡率。在亚马逊低地雨林, 大树被木质藤本攀爬后死亡率增加 2 倍多 (Phillips et al., 2005); (3) 降低树木的结实率和结实量。在热带雨林, 树木结实率与木质藤本的盖度成显著负相关 (Nabe-Nielsen et al., 2009), 木质藤本使坚果类树种果实产量下降 2 倍 (Kainer et al., 2014)。

木质藤本对幼苗和幼树的生长也会有负面影响。例如, 木质藤本使树木幼苗的叶面积减少了 5 倍; Martínez-Izquierdo 等 (2016) 将 14 种树木幼苗分别种于清除和未清除木质藤本的样地, 发现木质藤本使幼苗存活率、株高生长量分别降低了 75% 和 300%; Schnitzer 等 (2005) 将 3 个不同耐荫程度的幼树种植于木质藤本密集的低地雨林, 发现 2 年后木质藤本使树木生物量分配格局和树形均发生变化。可见, 木质藤本对树木的影响贯穿了树木整个生活史。

4.2 改变群落组成与结构

从群落水平看, (1) 木质藤本过度增加会改变群落物种组成。木质藤本对不同树种影响的差异性易使群落树种组成发生改变 (Visser et al., 2018b; Reis et al., 2020)。例如, 在加纳热带常绿落叶混交林内木质藤本使先锋树种 *Nauclea diderichii* 和 *Khaya anthotheca* 的生物量分别下降为 32% 和 50%, 而对非先锋耐荫树种 *Garcinia kola* 没有影响 (Toledo-Aceves & Swaine, 2008)。(2) 木质藤本过度增加会阻碍群落更新、降低物种多样性和改变群落结构。木质藤本会降低群落树种的生殖力, 使树木开花结实的植株数、开花量和结果量显著下降 (García León et al., 2018); Schnitzer & Carson (2010) 发现木质藤本使林窗内树木的更新和多样性分别下降 46% 和 65%。木质藤本对不同胸径树木影响的差异性也会导致群落结构发生变化 (Estrada-Villegas et al., 2020)。

4.3 影响生态系统功能

从生态系统层面看，木质藤本过度增加会影响森林生态系统碳汇功能。在巴拿马热带雨林，由于受木质藤本的干扰，5年间树木生物量的增长量降低了22%，据模型预测，30年后树木生物量可降低32%，60年后将达到47%（Lai et al., 2017）。藤本清除实验验证了上述模型的合理性，在巴拿马60年的热带雨林内，木质藤本使地上生物量的年净累积量下降了76%，其中，树木生物量的增长量降低了48%（van der Heijden et al., 2015）。其它连续监测、模型预测辅助研究和木质藤本清除方式实验也均得出相似结果（di Porcia e Brugnara et al., 2019; van der Heijden et al., 2019; Estrada-Villegas et al., 2020; Meunier et al., 2021a）。虽然木质藤本生物量有所增加，但其增量远无法补偿树木生物量的损失量，对树木生物量损失量的弥补不足30%（Schnitzer et al., 2016; Lai et al., 2017）。

木质藤本过度增加可改变森林生态系统水分动态。虽然木质藤本的胸断面积仅占热带森林的5%，但叶蒸腾量占森林总量的12%（Restom & Nepstad, 2001）。此外，木质藤本在水分吸收、运输和利用等过程比树木具有优势（Andrade et al., 2005; Cai et al., 2009; Zhu & Cao, 2010; Chen et al., 2015）。木质藤本也会影响树木的水分平衡。例如，木质藤本使树木树干液流速率下降近一半（Campanello et al., 2016）。

木质藤本过度增加亦能改变森林生态系统的矿质养分动态。较高的叶产量占比（Schnitzer & Bongers, 2002; Kusumoto & Enoki, 2008）和叶片性质与树木的差异（Cai & Bongers, 2007）能改变森林养分动态和土壤理化性质。热带森林木质藤本叶生物量占地上生物量比值高达36%（Gerwing & Farias, 2000），凋落物产量和叶面积占比均达到40%（Schnitzer & Bongers, 2002）。并且，木质藤本的养分含量（如氮、磷）显著高于树叶（Asner & Martin, 2012）。因此，木质藤本的过度增加将可能加速森林叶凋落物的分解和养分释放、改变土壤的养分状态与呼吸速率、增加土壤养分异质性和养分流失的风险（Putz, 1984; Kusumoto & Enoki, 2008; Liu et al., 2017）。

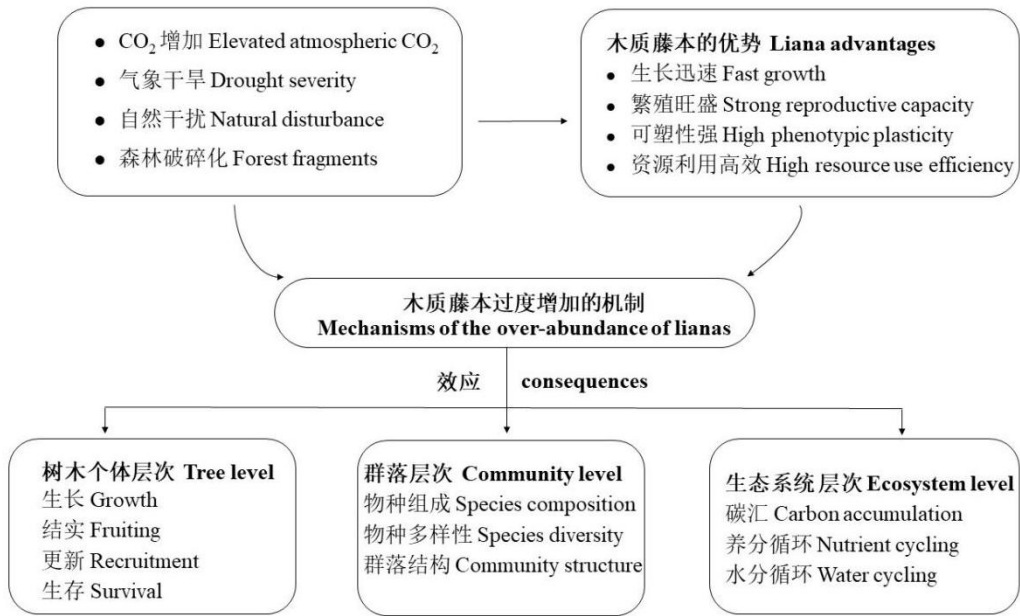


图3 木质藤本过度增加机制与生态效应

Fig.3 Mechanisms and ecological consequences of the over-increase of lianas

5 研究展望

虽然越来越多的学者参与到木质藤本对森林影响的研究，然而现阶段对木质藤本增加的机制和评价认识还有诸多不足，很多问题尚未解决。结合上述内容，本文认为今后研究可从

以下方面开展。

5.1 重视森林动态监测样地木质藤本定位研究

长期定位监测研究是深入认识种群与森林群落特征变化的重要手段。总体上,木质藤本的定位监测研究起步较晚、研究区域有限、研究尺度较小。在森林动态监测样地网络中很多研究单位都未将木质藤本纳入监测体系(Schnitzer & Bongers, 2011),现有主要研究地为中美洲和南美洲的巴西、巴拿马和墨西哥等地的热带雨林,非洲少量分布,其他洲较少参与,亚热带、温带森林关于木质藤本的研究十分缺乏(Schnitzer et al., 2015)。因此,今后森林动态监测样地的相关研究应将木质藤本纳入其中,尤其是要增加亚洲、非洲的研究点,从全球尺度上认识和解析木质藤本的分布格局、动态变化等问题。另外,鉴于木质藤本野外识别和数据采集难度较大,建议可采用遥感信息技术开展相关研究(Waite et al., 2019; Chandler et al., 2021)。

5.2 加强环境变化与木质藤本数量动态关系研究

现有研究从气候变化和干扰的角度对木质藤本的增加原因进行了初步探讨,但研究都较为分散、独立,环境变化导致木质藤本增加的发生机制尚不清楚。建议可开展以下研究:(1)各因子的单独和协同作用对木质藤本动态变化的影响研究,尤其是大时空尺度的大气CO₂变化与木质藤本数量变化的关系研究(Schnitzer & Bongers, 2011);(2)森林干扰使木质藤本增加的发生机制研究,应将干扰状况、生态因子与木质藤本生物学、生理特性相结合分析木质藤本更新和多样性维持机制。同时,应加强不同森林干扰类型对木质藤本数量变化影响的比较研究;(3)木质藤本对环境变化的响应研究,对变化环境的适应和调整是木质藤本是否具有竞争优势的关键,应从生理、行为、功能性状等方面探讨木质藤本对环境变化适应机理(Liu et al., 2021),结合控制实验模拟多种环境因子(如光照、CO₂、水分)对木质藤本生长、生理及行为等特征的影响。

5.3 构建木质藤本增加的生态效应评价体系

评价木质藤本对森林的影响是制定管理政策的基础。木质藤本过度增加在个体、种群、群落和生态系统层次均具有一定的负面影响,但研究仍然存在不足,对一些领域的深入认识较为缺乏。主要有:(1)大时空尺度研究较少。木质藤本的影响与森林类型、年龄等密切相关(Lai et al., 2017; Estrada-Villegas et al., 2021),现有研究多位于热带森林,其他区域开展的相关研究不足,且长周期的研究较为缺乏。今后应加强多区域、多种森林类型木质藤本的影响评价研究,从大时空尺度认识木质藤本如何影响森林恢复。(2)对木质藤本增加的生态效应评价不够全面,主要集中在木质藤本对树木个体的影响,评价指标较为单一,多为树木胸径生长,而木质藤本对森林生物量、生态系统物质循环和生产力等方面的影响研究十分缺乏,建议可借助模型构建全面认识木质藤本对生态系统的影响(di Porcia e Brugnara et al., 2019; Meunier et al., 2022)。在我国南方诸多自然保护区次生林内,木质藤本过度增加严重阻碍着森林的恢复,建议要开展木质藤本过度增加对自然保护区生态系统功能的潜在影响研究。(3)木质藤本与树木的关系研究通常将木质藤本和树木均作为统一的整体,然而,不同树种受木质藤本的影响(Visser et al., 2018b)、不同木质藤本对树木施加的压力都具有种间差异(Muller-Landau et al., 2018),因而难以准确量化出木质藤本对森林的影响。此外,树木被木质藤本干扰后的响应、环境变化如何影响木质藤本与树木的关系等方面的研究仍较为缺乏。(4)木质藤本与森林动物的相互关系缺乏关注。动物是森林生态系统的重要组成部分,木质藤本是森林动物的重要食物来源(Odell et al., 2019),可增加动物的多样性(Schnitzer et al., 2020),但木质藤本对树木的负面影响会降低动物的食物来源从而影响动物群落(Adams et al., 2016; García León et al., 2018)。因此,木质藤本对动物净影响力有多大;木质藤本的增加分别对哪些种、哪些类型的动物具有怎样的影响;动物对木质藤本的取食又如何影响木质藤本种群变化,二者间的相互作用关系是否因森林类型、所处区域而具有差异,今后研究

都需对这些问题进行系统、定量的评价 (Schnitzer, 2018; Coverdale et al., 2021)。

5.4 综合木质藤本的保护和木质藤本过度增加的管控

木质藤本过度增加会造成诸多负面影响,但它们亦是森林物种多样性组成部分,部分还属于珍稀濒危物种,一些还具有一定的经济和观赏价值,有的木质藤本与树木具有互利共生的关系,在某些情况下这些木质藤本有助于森林的恢复。并且,大型木质藤本的数量也是评价原始森林健康的指标。因此,今后应立足森林恢复和保护,开展木质藤本保护与管控权衡的研究。在生态环境良好的区域应对木质藤本加以保护,而受影响严重的森林应对木质藤本进行适当清除。然而,木质藤本管控的新技术探索将是一大挑战,当前对木质藤本管理方式呈一刀切的特点,费力耗时、成本高、且成效低 (Pérez-Salicrup et al., 2001)。在哪里清除、如何清除、清除效应评价等问题都需深入研究,从而探索出合理的木质藤本管控方法,为森林管理和生态恢复等方面的宏观决策提供科学依据。

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